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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower in the East, irregular in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was no better than steady in the Northeast, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair, instances moderate, but limited where cold weather in the Midwest affected movement. Food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies were at least sufficient to satisfy trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate, strongest where retail features were planned or in effect. Breast items were close balanced to barely adequate and continued to clear well, wings were adequate to more available, and dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/27/03-02/01/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	51.00-57.00	55.24	17	56.83	35
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.49	42	57.85	77
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.45	24
Denver	66.50	66.47	17	66.30	20
Detroit	53.00-55.00	55.46	13	58.25	40
Los Angeles	67.00	65.90	62	64.60	147
New York	53.00-56.00	56.39	23	56.48	51
Philadelphia	53.00-56.00	54.55	11	55.39	22
Pittsburgh	54.00-56.00	54.60	10	60.22	55
St. Louis	55.25-55.50	54.80	22	56.39	36
San Francisco	67.50	66.82	30	67.66	69

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/27/03	Change/Last Wk	01/20/03	01/28/02
576	60.13	0.08	60.05	57.10

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	59.00-60.00	58.86	31
Central	57.00-62.00	60.20	59
West	57.00-66.00	63.56	46

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-63.00	61.64	82
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,150	49.00-67.03	61.31

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	169.00	1,413
BREASTS - B/S	142.00	5,253
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50	1,193
THIGH MEAT - B/S	55.50	901
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	9,708
WINGS	71.50	3,507

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair and generally unaggressive. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance and well cleared. Wings were adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, with drums in the better balance.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best into retail for ads and fast food promotions with optimism for first of the month. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were close balanced to tight and continued to clear well. Dark meat was improved, but still obtainable, and wings were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Reported trading for this week's deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to slightly higher on new negotiations. Offerings were barely adequate to adequate with heavy weight product in the longest position. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best where features in progress and planned to cover first of the month needs. Dealers reported fairly good weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for delivery this week: drumstick 8/5s low 30s and bulk mid 20s, leg quarters 4/10s mainly 22.5 and bulk 20-22.5, bone in breast 85-95 and boneless 133-141, boneless leg meat 57-59 and wings low 80s. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 60.11 up .24 from last week with the volume reported unchanged at 31 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Majority prices unchanged into Chicago, lower into Detroit and higher into St. Louis from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offers of whole birds in balance for light to fair trade interest. Movement into retail was spotty, very slow to moderate. Food service was light to moderate, occasionally fairly good into fast food. Floor stocks in a full range, weights desirable. In the parts sector, supplies of all items were in balance with wings somewhat long. Parts trading was decent on dark meat, whole and boneless/skinless breasts. The market tone was steady on wings and steady to fully steady on all other parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate. Seller offerings varied by size but were fully sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items continued to clear well. Leg cuts were in generally good balance. Wings were in good balance, instances readily available.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	49-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.30
NO. OF BOXES	8,137

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate following the weekend. Offerings of breast items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat items were generally sufficient, although, with drumsticks in the better balance. Wings were adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items; fully steady on drums. The balance of items was steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145		138.61	412,120
TENDERLOINS	110-115		120.61	59,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82		86.23	151,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	81		84.57	142,240
LEGS	31-32		31.77	217,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20		20.54	305,968
DRUMSTICKS	23-24		30.91	82,950
THIGHS	21-22		31.75	51,730
B/S THIGHS	62-63		51.67	85,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75		81.23	128,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.45	20,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		29.85	23,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55		51.13	21,400

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,578	112.00-144.00	128-132	129.85
TENDERLOINS	706	101.00-166.00	-	125.45
BREAST - WITH RIBS	195	76.00-85.00	79-81	79.68
FRONT HALVES	544	65.00-75.00	65-66	66.17
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	248	16.00-17.00	-	16.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,583	16.00-19.00	17.5-18	17.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	793	65.00-78.00	68-70	69.41
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,523	15.00-20.00	16	

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/27	01/23	01/23	01/20	01/16
ALA	4,037	3,833	4.97	2,563	5.03
ARK	5,209	4,566	4.88	4,927	4.89
DELMARVA	2,281	2,268	5.13	736	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,885	1,765	4.84	1,349	4.90
MISS	2,931	2,853	5.25	830	5.28
NC	2,431	1,684	6.21	1,601	6.14
TEXAS	2,438	2,377	4.73	2,139	4.80
TOTAL	21,212	19,346	5.08	14,145	5.13
MON	21,212(A)			14,145(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Jan 2003 is estimated to be 31,735,000 up 49.51 percent from a week ago and up 5.12 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 21,226,000 last year 30,190,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	550	127.00-147.00	128-135	134.12
TENDERLOINS	123	120.00-176.00	120-125	127.10
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	72.00-81.00	74-76	75.57
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	93	19.00-32.00	20-22	22.72
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	601	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	959	17.50-26.00	19-20	19.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	71.50-74.00	-	73.46
WINGS (CUT)	319	85.00-93.00	87-92	88.30
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JAN 27, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	AVERAGE
41.00 - 45.00	42.62	40.97

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF JAN -27-03 - JAN 31-03

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 148.00	131.00 - 141.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	76.00 - 92.00	81.00 - 85.00
LEGS	23.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 21.00	18.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	18.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	71.00 - 83.00	71.00 - 73.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 48.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	

FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	66
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102
	ICE PACK 94-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-105
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK
	ICE PACK 91-98
DUCKS	152-166

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**CHICKEN** 24-JAN-2003  
 — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-15.00	13.00-13.50	912,000	742,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.35	13.35		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	10.50-14.50	1,016,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	11.98		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

**CHICKEN** 24-JAN-2003  
 — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———  
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-15.50	12.00-13.00	166,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.75	12.72		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-13.00	10.00-14.00	1,527,600	612,000
WTD AVERAGE	10.41	11.50		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.00-11.00	20,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		10.50		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-JAN-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	7-8.5	7.91
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were lower compared to the past week. Offerings were at least adequate for next weeks needs. Slaughter schedules were near normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-JAN-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.25	7-8.5	8.18

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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